

Dear friends in Christ,

One of the important things we need to do as we become one family together is celebrating the special milestones in our churches. Last week was one such milestone we all need to celebrate. This past Wednesday, Holy Innocents marked the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of the new church. On January 14, 2006, Archbishop Brunett dedicated the new Holy Innocents Church built on property that was once part of the Dougherty Homestead. It was in the Dougherty house that the first Catholic Mass was celebrated in Duvall. In a sense, moving from the beautiful little church on Stella Street which had served the community so well, was a kind of homecoming. Albeit to a new home, but one which could accommodate the growing parish into the future and be a place of welcome and encounter with the Lord Jesus for many generations to come. The promise of this church has come to fruition in so many ways over these past 20 years. We need to give thanks for all people who have worked and sacrificed to make this beautiful church become a reality. It is truly a story of “the little parish that could.” Special recognition needs to go to Gail Dimock who spearheaded the effort and all the many volunteers who worked on committees, who raised funds, who made “in kind” donations, and who gave and gave and gave and sacrificed to make it happen.

At the same time, we need to recognize and give thanks for all the folks who, generation after generation, have breathed life into the building: teaching the faith, preparing beautiful liturgies, leading the people in song, feeding the hungry at the food pantry, serving pancakes on Sunday, and so much more. All of these activities build up church, which is not just a building, but as St Paul writes, is “built of living stones.” Speaking of “Living Stones,” that is also the name that we have given to the efforts to pay down the 30 year, \$4 million dollar mortgage that helped build the church. So many of you have been so generous in these efforts—extraordinarily generous—so that we could keep up with the \$24,200



a month payments. So generous, in fact, that we now owe less than \$1.1 million dollars and have only 4 years of payments to make. If all goes well, we will have the mortgage paid off in December 2029 in only 24 years. This is such good news, and a tribute to the generosity and perseverance of so many. And so, I say, let's keep it up! We are on the home stretch of paying off the building.

The preface for the dedication of a church provides a wonderful reminder of what the Church is and who we are called to be by the Lord. I think it reminds us all of the mission Christ gave to his people of God when he established the church. It reminds us all, in St Jude, Holy Innocents and St Anthony of our deeper identity. Here it is for our reflection:

**It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Father most holy.**

**For you have made the whole world a temple of
your glory, that your name
might everywhere be extolled,
yet you allow us to consecrate to you
apt places for the divine mysteries.**

**And so, we dedicate joyfully to your majesty
this house of prayer, built by human labor.**

**Here is foreshadowed
the mystery of the true Temple,
here is prefigured the heavenly Jerusalem.
For you made the Body of your Son,
born of the tender Virgin,
the Temple consecrated to you,
in which the fullness of the Godhead might dwell.**

**You also established the Church as a holy city,
built upon the foundation of the Apostles,
with Christ Jesus himself the chief cornerstone:
a city to be built of chosen stones,
given life by the Spirit and bonded by charity,
where for endless ages you will be all in all
and the light of Christ will shine
undimmed forever.**

**Through him, O Lord, with all the Angels and
Saints, we give you thanks, as in exultation we
acclaim: Holy, Holy, holy Lord God of hosts...**

As we celebrate this milestone at Holy Innocents, let us ask the Lord to build us all together... St Anthony, St Jude, and Holy Innocents, that being one family together we might be built together in love of one another and love of the Lord.

Blessings on your week,
Fr. Johnson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No Daily Mass

Church and Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 20

No Daily Mass

5:30 PM Faith Formation K-6

Wednesday, January 21

8:30 AM Confessions

9:00 AM Daily Mass

7:00 PM House of Prayer

7:00 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal
(for 11AM Masses)

Thursday, January 22

9:00 AM Daily Mass

12:15 PM Steps to Freedom

1:00 PM Rosary Cenacle

6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
(for 9AM Mass)

7:00 PM OCIA

Friday, January 23

9:00 AM Daily Mass

9:30 AM Adoration until 9PM

10:00 AM Guardians & Angels

Saturday, January 24

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

6:00 PM **Saturday Night Disco Fever!**

Sunday, January 25

9:00 AM Sunday Mass

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

Coffee & Donuts after both Masses

A Note from the Larry Gregory Family

We would like to thank the many individuals that made the funeral of Lawrence Gregory a memorable day. I wouldn't have been able to manage without the Knights of Columbus. They did so much. Many friends and family from ND did not make it and the Knights were there as pallbearers, Honor Guard, and speakers. We so appreciate all that you did. We also want to thank the volunteers that made the reception after Mass possible. To thank Deacon Reuben for going to the funeral home to pray rosary. And to Fr Johnson for all he did to guide us through the process. The homily in memory of Larry was so well done. For the times he went to the hospital to visit Larry and pray with him. And to all that visited Larry over the many days he spent in the hospital. We thank you!

-The Larry Gregory family



Confirmation Retreat a Success!

Over 60 of our confirmandi from St. Jude and Holy Innocents participated in a joint Confirmation Retreat recently on January 10. May they all be renewed in their pursuits to know, feel, and love the Holy Spirit even more deeply than before! Thank you to all who volunteered: set-up, clean-up, food prep, facilitators, and all the helpers of tasks big and small, you are so appreciated!

! Safety Reminder !

With WINTER upon us, we want to remind all our parishioners that SAFETY doesn't just happen, it is PRACTICED.

- Use handrails when going down the stairs, especially in inclement weather.
- Get dropped off/picked up at the front door of church, if needed, to minimize walking on slippery sidewalks.
- When walking on icy pavement, tread carefully.
- Accessible Parking is located on the lower level parking lot behind the Parish Hall.
- There is an elevator just inside the entrance to the Parish Hall that goes right up to the church.
- If you see a potential hazard, please inform parish staff.



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

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